

REMARKS

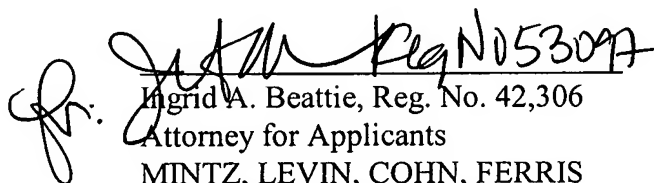
Applicants are filing this Preliminary Amendment concurrently with a Response to the October 18, 2006 Notice to Comply. Applicants submit a Substitute Sequence Listing for the nucleotide sequences and amino acid sequences disclosed in the specification in compliance with the requirements for patent applications containing nucleotide sequences and/or amino acid sequence disclosures. 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825.

With a five-month extension, this filing is due on or before April 18, 2007. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Five-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate extension fee. Accordingly, no additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 25669-003.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit, that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding this amendment and/or these remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,


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